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In re Application of:)Box: **SEQUENCE** ROGELJ ET AL. **SERIAL NUMBER: 09/424,181**) Art Unit: FILED: NOVEMBER 10, 1999

FOR: INHIBITION OF CELL SURFACE PROTEIN

DISULFIDE ISOMERASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Notice to Comply mailed August 31, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below (A redlined version of the amended portions of the specification accompany the present Amendment):

Please insert the attached Sequence Listing, page 1, at the end of the Application.

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, line 19 to page 2, line 9 and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

PDI (protein disulfide isomerase) is a constitutive intracellular protein that is also found to be expressed on the surface of many mammalian cell types, including immune system cells, hepatocytes, and platelets. Like other members of the thyredoxin superfamily of proteins, PDI is a multifunctional redox-sensitive protein